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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, other than the U.S. patent. Also, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application (Japanese Office Action, issued in corresponding JP Appln. No. 2005-504267, dated January 26, 2010) citing such documents.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing

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concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement for foreign language documents, an English-language Abstract of JP-A-08-056968 is provided as a concise explanation of JP-A-08-056968, and an English-language Abstract corresponding to JP-B-4-014585, which issued from the application published as JP-A-61-045766, is provided as a concise explanation of JP-A-61-045766. Also, U.S. Patent 5,697,970 corresponds to JP-A-08-056968.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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